

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

**Please cancel claims 27-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

23. (Previously Presented) An underfloor lifting platform comprising:  
at least one vertical beam liftable and lowerable in a pit;  
at least one support arm comprising supports fixed to said vertical beam;  
a prime mover comprising switching and control elements; and  
a transmission between said prime mover and said vertical beam, wherein said transmission comprises at least one flexible traction cable, said cable being coupled to a rotating member rotatably driven by said prime mover and said cable engages at a lower end of the associated vertical beam.

24. (Previously Presented) The underfloor lifting platform according to claim 23, wherein lower ends of two vertical beams are fixedly connected to each other by a dimensionally stable transverse beam on which two traction cables engage.

25. (Previously Presented) The underfloor lifting platform according to claim 24, further comprising a shaft running in two stationary bearings.

26. (Previously Presented) The underfloor lifting platform of claim 25, further comprising a drum for winding and unwinding the associated traction cable, said drum being provided as a rotating member in an upper section of said pit between guides.

Claims 27-33 (Cancelled).